

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT NAMES NEW CHIEF JUDGES OF STATE COURTS

LANSING, MI, November 30, 2001 - The Michigan Supreme Court has released the names of chief judges who will head Michigan's trial courts for the next two years.

The high court also named Lansing resident William C. Whitbeck, a judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals, to serve as that court's chief judge.

Michigan Court Rule (MCR) 8.110 states that "[t]he Supreme Court shall select a judge of each trial court to serve as chief judge." The selection process, which takes place in each odd-numbered year, permits each trial court with two or more judges to submit the names of no fewer than two judges as candidates for chief judge. The chief judges will serve a two-year term, starting January 1, 2002.

Under MCR 8.110, chief judges serve as their court's representatives in dealing with the public, the news media, the legal community, and other government agencies. Chief judges oversee other judges and court staff, supervise caseloads and court finances, and set their courts' hours and work policies.

The high Court has appointed two judges to serve as co-chiefs of Wayne County Circuit Court. Judge Mary Beth Kelly, the presiding judge of Wayne County Circuit Court Family Division, and Judge Timothy M. Kenny, of the court's Criminal Division, will share responsibility for the state's largest trial court. The Supreme Court also appointed Judge Pamela R. Harwood of the Wayne County Civil Division as Chief Judge Pro Tem.

The Supreme Court also named chief judges to the state's other trial courts. Judge Peter J. Maceroni will continue to serve as chief judge of Macomb County Circuit Court. Judge Joan E. Young, Chief Judge of Oakland County Circuit Court, has also been appointed to another term as chief judge of that court. In Ann Arbor, Judge Archie Cameron Brown was appointed chief judge of the Washtenaw County Trial Court. Judge Peter D. Houk will serve as chief judge of Ingham County Circuit Court, and Judge Charles A. Nelson was named chief judge of 4th Circuit Court in Jackson.

In Genesee County Circuit Court, Judge Robert M. Ransom will continue as chief judge, as will Judge J. Richardson Johnson in Kalamazoo County Circuit Court. Judge Leopold P. Borello will continue as chief judge of Saginaw County Circuit Court. In Muskegon County, Judge Timothy G. Hicks will remain as chief judge of that county's circuit court. Judge George S. Butth will continue as chief judge of Kent County Circuit Court. In Port Huron, Judge Peter E. Deegan will remain as chief judge of St. Clair County Circuit Court.

For a complete list of chief judges of Michigan's circuit, probate and district courts, see the attachment to this release. The list is also on the court's website at http://www.supremecourt.state/msc/web_orders/chiefjudges.pdf

November 29, 2001

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF JUDGES
OF MICHIGAN COURTS

Pursuant to MCR 7.201 and MCR 8.110, the following judges are appointed as chief judges of the courts indicated for two-year terms commencing January 1, 2002:

Court of Appeals	Hon. William C. Whitbeck
1st Circuit Court	Hon. Michael R. Smith
2nd Circuit Court	Hon. Paul L. Maloney
4th Circuit Court	Hon. Charles A. Nelson
5th Circuit Court	Hon. James H. Fisher
6th Circuit Court	Hon. Joan E. Young
7th Circuit Court	Hon. Robert M. Ransom
8th Circuit Court	Hon. Charles H. Miel
9th Circuit Court	Hon. J. Richardson Johnson
10th Circuit Court	Hon. Leopold P. Borrello
11th Circuit Court	Hon. Charles H. Stark
12th Circuit Court	Hon. Garfield W. Hood
13th Circuit Court	Hon. Philip E. Rodgers, Jr.
14th Circuit Court	Hon. Timothy G. Hicks
15th Circuit Court	Hon. Michael H. Cherry
16th Circuit Court	Hon. Peter J. Maceroni
17th Circuit Court	Hon. George S. Buth
18th Circuit Court	Hon. Lawrence M. Bielawski

19th Circuit Court	Hon. James M. Batzer
20th Circuit Court	Hon. Edward R. Post
21st Circuit Court	Hon. Paul H. Chamberlain
22nd Circuit Court	Hon. Archie Cameron Brown
23rd Circuit Court	Hon. J. Richard Ernst
24th Circuit Court	Hon. Donald A. Teeple
25th Circuit Court	Hon. Thomas L. Solka
26th Circuit Court	Hon. Joseph P. Swallow
27th Circuit Court	Hon. Terrence R. Thomas
28th Circuit Court	Hon. Charles D. Corwin
29th Circuit Court	Hon. Jeffrey L. Martlew
30th Circuit Court	Hon. Peter D. Houk
31st Circuit Court	Hon. Peter E. Deegan
32nd Circuit Court	Hon. Roy D. Gotham
33rd Circuit Court	Hon. Richard M. Pajtas
34th Circuit Court	Hon. Ronald M. Bergeron
35th Circuit Court	Hon. Gerald D. Lostracco
36th Circuit Court	Hon. Paul E. Hamre
37th Circuit Court	Hon. Allen L. Garbrecht
38th Circuit Court	Hon. Joseph A. Costello, Jr.
39th Circuit Court	Hon. Harvey A. Koselka
40th Circuit Court	Hon. Nick O. Holowka
41st Circuit Court, Dickinson and Menominee Counties	Hon. Mary Brouillette Bargind
42nd Circuit Court	Hon. Thomas L. Ludington
43rd Circuit Court	Hon. Michael E. Dodge
44th Circuit Court	Hon. Susan L. Reck

45th Circuit Court	Hon. James P. Noecker
46th Circuit Court	Hon. Alton T. Davis
47th Circuit Court	Hon. Stephen T. Davis
48th Circuit Court	Hon. George R. Corsiglia
49th Circuit Court	Hon. Lawrence C. Root
50th Circuit Court	Hon. Nicholas J. Lambros
51st Circuit Court, Mason County	Hon. Richard I. Cooper
52nd Circuit Court	Hon. M. Richard Knoblock
53rd Circuit Court	Hon. Scott Lee Pavlich
54th Circuit Court	Hon. Patrick Reed Joslyn
55th Circuit Court	Hon. Kurt N. Hansen
56th Circuit Court	Hon. Thomas S. Eveland
57th Circuit Court	Hon. Charles W. Johnson
1st District Court	Hon. Paul E. Braunlich
2A District Court	Hon. James E. Sheridan
2B District Court	Hon. Donald L. Sanderson
3A District Court	Hon. David T. Coyle
3B District Court	Hon. William D. Welty
4th District Court	Hon. Paul E. Deats
5th District Court	Hon. Paul L. Maloney
7th District Court	Hon. Ward S. Hamlin, Jr.
8th District Court	Hon. Vincent C. Westra
10th District Court	Hon. John R. Holmes
12th District Court	Hon. Charles J. Falahee Jr.
14A District Court	Hon. J. Cedric Simpson
14B District Court	Hon. John B. Collins
15th District Court	Hon. Ann E. Mattson

16th District Court	Hon. Robert B. Brzezinski
17th District Court	Hon. Charlotte L. Wirth
18th District Court	Hon. C. Charles Bokos
19th District Court	Hon. Virginia A. Sobotka
20th District Court	Hon. Leo K. Foran
21st District Court	Hon. Richard L. Hammer Jr.
22nd District Court	Hon. Sylvia A. James
23rd District Court	Hon. William J. Sutherland
24th District Court	Hon. John T. Courtright
25th District Court	Hon. David A. Bajorek
26th District Court	Hon. Raymond A. Charron
27th District Court	Hon. Randy L. Kalmbach
28th District Court	Hon. James A. Kandrevas
29th District Court	Hon. Carolyn A. Archbold
30th District Court	Hon. William F. Bledsoe
31st District Court	Hon. Paul J. Paruk
32A District Court	Hon. Roger J. La Rose
33rd District Court	Hon. James Kurt Kersten
34th District Court	Hon. Tina Brooks Green
35th District Court	Hon. John E. MacDonald
36th District Court	Hon. Marylin E. Atkins
37th District Court	Hon. Walter A. Jakubowski Jr.
39th District Court	Hon. Joseph F. Boedeker
40th District Court	Hon. Joseph Craigen Oster
41A District Court	Hon. Kenneth J. Kosnic
41B District Court	Hon. Linda Davis
42nd District Court	Hon. Paul Cassidy

43rd District Court	Hon. Keith P. Hunt
44th District Court	Hon. Daniel Sawicki
45A District Court	Hon. William R. Sauer
45B District Court	Hon. Benjamin J. Friedman
46th District Court	Hon. Bryan Howard Levy
47th District Court	Hon. Marla E. Parker
48th District Court	Hon. Kimberly Small
50th District Court	Hon. Leo Bowman
51st District Court	Hon. Phyllis C. McMillen
52nd District Court	Hon. Julie A. Nicholson
53rd District Court	Hon. A. John Pikkarainen
54A District Court	Hon. Patrick F. Cherry
54B District Court	Hon. Richard D. Ball
55th District Court	Hon. Thomas E. Brennan Jr.
56A District Court	Hon. Paul F. Berger
56B District Court	Hon. James H. Fisher
57th District Court	Hon. Stephen E. Sheridan
58th District Court	Hon. Susan A. Jonas
59th District Court	Hon. Peter P. Versluis
60th District Court	Hon. Andrew Wierengo
61st District Court	Hon. David J. Buter
62A District Court	Hon. Jack R. Jelsema
62B District Court	Hon. William G. Kelly
63rd District Court	Hon. Sara J. Smolenski
64A District Court	Hon. Raymond P. Voet
64B District Court	Hon. Donald R. Hemingsen
65A District Court	Hon. Richard D. Wells

65B District Court	Hon. James B. Mackie
66th District Court	Hon. Ward L. Clarkson
67th District Court	Hon. Christopher Odette
68th District Court	Hon. Nathaniel C. Perry III
70th District Court	Hon. Terry L. Clark
71A District Court	Hon. Nick O. Holowka
71B District Court	Hon. Kim David Glaspie
72nd District Court	Hon. David C. Nicholson
73A District Court	Hon. James A. Marcus
73B District Court	Hon. Karl E. Kraus
74th District Court	Hon. Craig D. Alston
75th District Court	Hon. James E. Wilson
76th District Court	Hon. Paul H. Chamberlain
77th District Court	Hon. Susan H. Grant
78th District Court, Newaygo County	Hon. H. Kevin Drake
79th District Court	Hon. John R. Carney Jr.
80th District Court	Hon. Gary J. Allen
81st District Court	Hon. Allen C. Yenior
82nd District Court	Hon. Richard E. Noble
83rd District Court, Roscommon County	Hon. Francis L. Walsh
84th District Court	Hon. David A. Hogg
85th District Court	Hon. Brent V. Danielson
86th District Court	Hon. Michael J. Haley
87th District Court	Hon. Alton T. Davis
88th District Court	Hon. Theodore O. Johnson
89th District Court	Hon. Harold A. Johnson Jr.

90th District Court	Hon. Richard W. May
91st District Court	Hon. Michael W. MacDonald
92nd District Court	Hon. Steven E. Ford
93rd District Court	Hon. Bruce E. Plackowski
94th District Court	Hon. Robert J. DeGrand
95A District Court	Hon. Jeffrey G. Barstow
95B District Court, Dickinson County	Hon. Michael J. Kusz
96th District Court	Hon. Dennis H. Girard
97th District Court	Hon. Phillip L. Kukkonen
98th District Court	Hon. Anders B. Tingstad Jr.
Eastpointe Municipal Court	Hon. Martin J. Smith
Grosse Pte. Municipal Court	Hon. Russell F. Ethridge
Grosse Pte. Farms Municipal Court	Hon. Matthew R. Rumora
Grosse Pte. Park Municipal Court	Hon. Carl F. Jarboe
Grosse Pte. Woods Municipal Court	Hon. Lynne A. Pierce
Alcona County Probate Court	Hon. James H. Cook
Allegan County Probate Court	Hon. Michael L. Buck
Alpena County Probate Court	Hon. Douglas A. Pugh
Antrim County Probate Court	Hon. Norman R. Hayes
Arenac County Probate Court	Hon. Jack William Scully
Baraga County Probate Court	Hon. Timothy S. Brennan
Barry County Probate Court	Hon. James H. Fisher
Bay County Probate Court	Hon. Karen Tighe
Benzie County Probate Court	Hon. Nancy A. Kida
Berrien County Probate Court	Hon. Paul L. Maloney
Branch County Probate Court	Hon. Frederick L. Wood
Calhoun County Probate Court	Hon. Gary K. Reed

Cass County Probate Court	Hon. Susan L. Dobrich
Cheboygan County Probate Court	Hon. Robert John Butts
Chippewa County Probate Court	Hon. Lowell R. Ulrich
Clinton County Probate Court	Hon. Marvin E. Robertson
Crawford County Probate Court	Hon. Alton T. Davis
Delta County Probate Court	Hon. Robert E. Goebel Jr.
Dickinson County Probate Court	Hon. John A. Torreano
Eaton County Probate Court	Hon. Thomas S. Eveland
Genesee County Probate Court	Hon. Allen J. Nelson
Gogebic County Probate Court	Hon. Joel L. Massie
Gr. Traverse County Prob. Court	Hon. David L. Stowe
Gratiot County Probate Court	Hon. Jack T. Arnold
Hillsdale County Probate Court	Hon. Albert J. Neukom
Houghton County Probate Court	Hon. John A. Mikkola
Huron County Probate Court	Hon. David L. Clabuesch
Ingham County Probate Court	Hon. R. George Economy
Ionia County Probate Court	Hon. Gerald J. Supina
Iosco County Probate Court	Hon. John D. Hamilton
Iron County Probate Court	Hon. C. Joseph Schwedler
Isabella County Probate Court	Hon. Paul H. Chamberlain
Jackson County Probate Court	Hon. Susan E. Vandercook
Kalamazoo County Probate Court	Hon. Donald R. Halstead
Kalkaska County Probate Court	Hon. Alton T. Davis
Kent County Probate Court	Hon. Janet A. Haynes
Keweenaw County Probate Court	Hon. James G. Jaaskelainen
Lake County Probate Court	Hon. Mark S. Wickens
Lapeer County Probate Court	Hon. Justus C. Scott

Leelanau County Probate Court	Hon. Joseph E. Deegan
Lenawee County Probate Court	Hon. Charles W. Jameson
Livingston County Probate Court	Hon. Susan L. Reck
Macomb County Probate Court	Hon. Pamela Gilbert O'Sullivan
Manistee County Probate Court	Hon. John R. DeVries
Marquette County Probate Court	Hon. Michael J. Anderegg
Mason County Probate Court	Hon. Mark D. Raven
Menominee County Probate Court	Hon. William A. Hupy
Midland County Probate Court	Hon. Dorene S. Allen
Missaukee County Probate Court	Hon. Charles R. Parsons
Monroe County Probate Court	Hon. Pamela A. Moskwa
Montcalm County Probate Court	Hon. Edward L. Skinner
Montmorency County Prob. Court	Hon. Robert P.M. Nordstrom
Muskegon County Probate Court	Hon. Neil G. Mullally
Newaygo County Probate Court	Hon. Graydon W. Dimkoff
Oakland County Probate Court	Hon. Linda S. Hallmark
Oceana County Probate Court	Hon. Walter A. Urick
Ogemaw County Probate Court	Hon. Eugene I. Turkelson
Ontonagon County Probate Court	Hon. Joseph D. Zeleznik
Oscoda County Probate Court	Hon. Kathryn Joan Root
Otsego County Probate Court	Hon. Alton T. Davis
Ottawa County Probate Court	Hon. Mark A. Feyen
Presque Isle Co. Prob. Court	Hon. Kenneth A. Radzibon
Roscommon County Probate Court	Hon. Douglas C. Dosson
Saginaw County Probate Court	Hon. Faye M. Harrison
St. Clair County Probate Court	Hon. John R. Monaghan
St. Joseph County Probate Court	Hon. Thomas E. Shumaker

Sanilac County Probate Court	Hon. R. Terry Maltby
Shiawassee County Probate Court	Hon. James R. Clatterbaugh
Tuscola County Probate Court	Hon. W. Wallace Kent Jr.
Van Buren County Probate Court	Hon. Frank D. Willis
Washtenaw County Probate Court	Hon. John N. Kirkendall
Wayne County Probate Court	Hon. Milton L. Mack Jr.
Wexford County Probate Court	Hon. Kenneth L. Tacoma
Clare/Gladwin Probate Dist. 17	Hon. Thomas P. McLaughlin
Mecosta/Osceola Probate Dist. 18	Hon. LaVail E. Hull
Alger/Schoolcraft Probate Dist. 5	Hon. William W. Carmody
Mackinac/Luce Probate Dist. 6	Hon. Thomas B. North
Emmet/Charlevoix Probate Dist. 7	Hon. Frederick R. Mulhauser

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the chief judges of Demonstration Projects to study consolidation of courts as established by Administrative Orders 1996-1, 1996-2, 1996-5, 1996-6, 1996-7, 1996-9 and 1997-2 are appointed as follows, for the two-year period commencing January 1, 2002, or until the end of those projects, if prior to December 31, 2003:

Barry County 5 th Circuit Court 56B District Court Barry County Probate Court	Hon. James H. Fisher
Berrien County 2 nd Circuit Court 5 th District Court Berrien County Probate Court	Hon. Paul L. Maloney
Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties 46 th Circuit Court 83rd District Court, Crawford County 87 th District Court, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties Crawford County Probate Court Kalkaska County Probate Court Otsego County Probate Court	Hon. Alton T. Davis

Iron County

41st Circuit Court, Iron County
95B District Court, Iron County
Iron County Probate Court

Hon. C. Joseph Schwedler

Isabella County

21st Circuit Court
76th District Court
Isabella County Probate Court

Hon. Paul H. Chamberlain

Lake County

51st Circuit Court, Lake County
78th District Court, Lake County
Lake County Probate Court

Hon. Mark S. Wickens

Washtenaw County

22nd Circuit Court
14A District Court
14B District Court
15th District Court
Washtenaw County Probate Court

Hon. Archie Cameron Brown

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Hon. J. Cedric Simpson

Hon. John B. Collins

Hon. Ann E. Mattson

Hon. John N. Kirkendall